GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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FAMILY COURTS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Family Courts in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cities in which the Government proposes to set up Family Courts;

(c) the nature of disputes rider the jurisdiction of Family Courts; and

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that there is no pendency of proceeding in Family Courts?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) to (d) Section 3 of the Family Courts Act, 1984 provides that the State Governments after consultation with the High Court shall establish Family Court for every area in the State comprising a city or town whose population exceeds one million and for such other areas in the State as it may deem necessary. To facilitate setting up of Family Courts, the Central Government provides financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 10 lakh per court with equal matching share from the State Governments and Rs. 5 lakh per court per annum are provided to meet the recurring expenditure of the Family Courts. The responsibility of setting up of Family Courts is with the State Governments. However, Government has requested all State/UT Governments to set Family Courts in each district.

The nature of disputes under the jurisdiction of Family Courts have been mentioned in Section 7 of the Family Courts Act, 1984. The matter of disposal of cases including that of ensuring that there is no pendency in the Family Courts is a judicial function and falls within the ambit of High Courts of the respective States.